Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, By Act of the Congress of the United States dated June 14, 1777, the first official flag of the United States was adopted; and,

WHEREAS, By Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14 of each year was designated "National Flag Day;" and,

WHEREAS, The Congress has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week; and,

WHEREAS, On December 8, 1982, the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day ceremonies; and,

WHEREAS, The President of the United States at the national ceremony held in Baltimore, Maryland on June 14, 1985, led the Pledge of Allegiance; and,

WHEREAS, The year 1987 will be dedicated to the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Flag Day celebrates our nation's symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom, to the rule of all, and to equal rights for all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1987, as

FLAG DAY

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens of South Dakota to pause at 7:00 p.m. EDT on this date for the eighth annual PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE and recite with all Americans the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS G. LUKENS, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE